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POLYMERS AND THEIR CONJUGATES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 11, 2009, please enter the following amendments and remarks. This response is being filed on or before September 11, 2009, making it a timely response. Although the Applicant does not believe any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (Our Order: 101961-5133US).

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page **2** of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **10** of this paper.